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SUBJECT: JOINT WORKING GROUP ON RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGY
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1. DR. HASSAN ISMAIL, EGYPTIAN CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUP FOR TECHNOLOGY, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ASKED EMBOFF TO CALL FEB 20 TO DISCUSS JWG PROGRESS TO DATE. IN DISCUSSING JWG WORK IN GENERAL, HE SAID HE IS PLEASED WITH THE PROGRESS MADE TO DATE AND SAID THAT IN MOST OF THE FIVE AREAS MENTIONED DURING THE PREVIOUS JWG MEETING QUOTE THE BALL IS NOW IN THE EGYPTIAN COURT UNQUOTE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STUDIES/INFORMATION.

2. HE THEN REVIEWED WORK IN FIVE AREAS AS FOLLOWS:

A. REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE - EGYPTIAN SIDE WORKING OUT DETAILS REQUESTED DURING VISIT OF DR. DEVEY, NSF, AND WILL PRESENT PROGRESS REPORT AT NEXT MEETING. DR. ISMAIL SUGGESTED THAT MEDICAL ASPECTS OF THE INSTRUMENTATION EFFORT BE TURNED OVER TO JWG ON MEDICAL COOPERATION, ESPECIALLY AS IT RELATES TO INSTRUMENTATION AT MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

B. WATER RESOURCES - DR. ISMAIL SAID REPORT WHICH HAD BEEN SUBMITTED BY WATER RESOURCES TEAM WHICH VISITED

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EGYPT IN NOV WAS REAL FINE EFFORT FROM FACTUAL STANDPOINT,

BUT HE COULD NOT SEE THAT IT CONTAINED ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FOLLOW-UP AND HE WONDERED WHAT ELSE TEAM HAD IN MIND. ISMAIL SAID THAT HE HOPED THAT AGRICULTURE WOULD BE CONSTITUTED AS A SEPARATE JWG BECAUSE OF ITS IMPORTANCE TO DEVELOPMENT OF EGYPT IN GENERAL.

C. BUILDING MATERIALS - ISMAIL SAID HE CONSIDERS THIS MOST IMPORTANT AREA FOR COOPERATION OF FIVE CURRENT AREAS. HE REVIEWED INFORMATION WHICH WAS REQUESTED OF THE EGYPTIAN SIDE BY DR. HAECKER AND SAID THAT HE HOPED TO HAVE THIS BY TIME OF JWG SESSION IN WASHINGTON.

D. INFORMATION SYSTEMS - HE MADE POINT ABOUT LACK OF INFORMATION ABOUT VISIT OF DR. EICHER AND SIAD HE LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKSHOP BEING HELD IN JUNE, 1975.

E. LAKE NASSER WATER RESOURCES - THIS PROJECT IS BEING FOLLOWED UP BY DR. HAFEZ OF NATIONAL ACADEMY UNDER NSF GRANT FOR UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN STUDY OF LAKE NASSER.

3. SYMPOSIUM AND WORKSHOPS FOR PLANNING MANAGEMENT
DR. ISMAIL SAID HE WAS PLEASED WITH PROGRESS MADE DURING THE VISIT OF DR. ALAN HOLT OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION.

4. ISMAIL SAID THAT HE HOPED THAT ACTION BEGUN UNDER THESE CATEGORIES COULD BE CONTINUED AND THAT HE WOULD PREFER TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON THESE CATEGORIES RATHER THAN TRY TO DEVELOP NEW AREAS AND THUS DISSIPATE FURTHER EFFORT THAT MIGHT BE PUT INTO CONCRETE PROJECTS.

5. REGARDING THE HOLDING OF THE NEXT JWG SESSION, ISMAIL WOULD LIKE TO HAVE BOTH JWG ON RT AND D AND JWG ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE MEET IN WASHINGTON IN FIRST TWO WEEKS OF MAY. HE SAID HE HAS ALREADY REQUESTED CLEARANCE FROM DR. EFFAT FOR HIS DELEGATION AND WILL, IN COMING WEEK, PROPOSE SPECIFIC DATES. HE HOPES UPCOMING MEETING WILL RESULT IN SPECIFIC DECISIONS ON ONGOING PROJECTS.

6. SINCE DATE OF THIS CONVERSATION, EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED PROPOSAL IN STATE 39895 FOR JWG (EDUCATION AND CULTURE) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEETING TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON MAY 12-13. WE ARE INFORMING DR. ISMAIL OF THIS AND WILL REPORT HIS REACTION AND PROPOSALS FOR MEETING DATES OF BOTH JWGS.
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